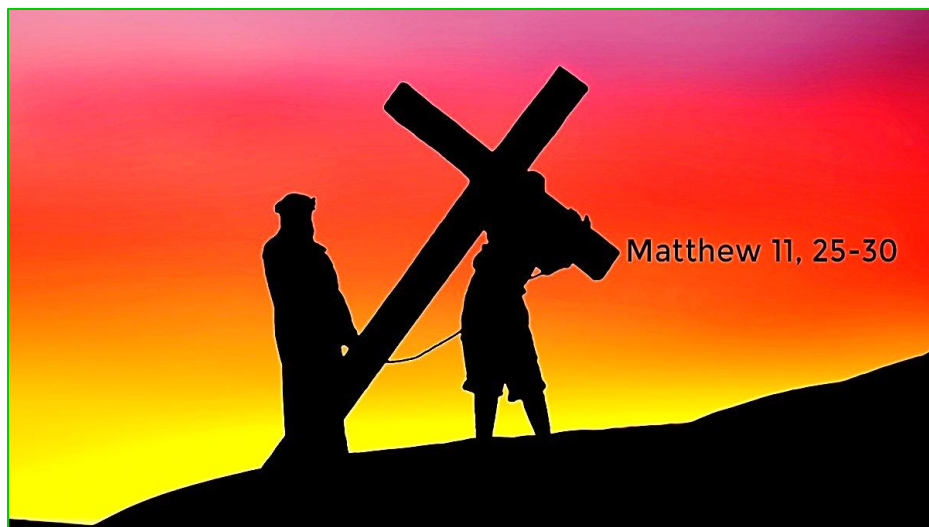


Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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All Masses are celebrated in the Cathedral



Weekdays, M-F:

12:10 p.m.

Saturday, Vigil Mass:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.

Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.

Holy Days:

As noted in the Mass Schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Mass Schedule

Cornerstone laid on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1860 / First Mass celebrated on Christmas morning, 1861.

JULY 4 - 12, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

SATURDAY	JULY 4	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	July 5	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	July 5	10:00 a.m.	†Joe Dowd
Domingo	5 de Julio	11:45 a.m.	†María del Carmen Rodríguez
Sunday	July 5	4:00 p.m.	
Monday	July 6	12:10 p.m.	†Pedro Luis Pérez Reyes
Tuesday	July 7	12:10 p.m.	
Wednesday	July 8	12:10 p.m.	
Thursday	July 9	10:00 a.m.	Pro-Life Vigil / Vigil for the Unborn
Thursday	July 9	12:10 p.m.	
Friday	July 10	12:10 p.m.	
Saturday	July 11	4:00 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Natalie and Lela Ficarra, and Vinnie Rodrigues
Sunday	July 12	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	July 12	10:00 a.m.	†Fr. Luis Salcedo (6 th Ann.)
Domingo	12 de Julio	11:45 a.m.	Legion of Mary
Sunday	July 12	4:00 p.m.	

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith.

†Suzanne Long

†Brenda López

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral

- 2nd Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Gospel According to Matthew,

Matthew 11:25-30, bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/070526.cfm

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

JUNE 27-28, 2026, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Masses (\$2,943.40); Fuel (\$87.00)

Mission Statement / Misión

Guided and protected by our patron Saint Michael the Archangel, the Cathedral parish is a welcoming, diverse community which embodies the mission of Christ who strengthens us by the sacraments.

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

When our founding fathers began the American experiment 250 years ago, they did so with the vision that all human beings possess inherent dignity, an unwavering conscience, and the power to come together to form a government for the people and by the people, as Abraham Lincoln would later put it. At the core of our founding are deeply Catholic ideals: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."* These principles gave Americans a standard for being virtuous, and continue to light the way for Americans today. These values, our call to love our neighbor, and our successes and failures have shaped the United States' first 250 years, and have much to teach us looking toward our next 250. Patriotism, the rightly-ordered love for our country, is more than a feeling. It's a virtue that one can, and should, grow in. It's grounded in the love of neighbor and is shaped by our desire for personal holiness. Nationalism, on the other hand, is a dangerous obsession with our country that uses it against the common good of others. Understanding what true patriotism is can help us grow in the virtue of authentically loving our country. In 1995, Pope St. John Paul II, in his address to the UN, highlighted the dangers of falling into nationalism, mistaking it for patriotism. *"True patriotism never seeks to advance the well-being of one's own nation at the expense of others. For in the end, this would harm one's own nation as well: doing wrong damages both aggressor and victim. Nationalism, particularly in its most radical forms, is thus the antithesis of true patriotism, and today we must ensure that extreme nationalism does not continue to give rise to new forms of the aberrations of totalitarianism."* The Catechism of the Catholic Church also clarifies this distinction (2239): *"It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community."* Reflecting on the complex history of the United States as a Catholic requires us to understand both the consolations and desolations of who we've been and what we've done. In our young 250 years, we have countless stains on our country's conscience. We've been prideful, selfish and greedy. We've been angry, violent and destructive. We've failed to care for our brothers and sisters, especially the unborn, immigrant, minority, vulnerable and marginalized. Time and time again, we've fallen short of the ideals set before us, disregarding our neighbors in times when they needed love the most. But...there is plenty to celebrate in America's young history. If we don't acknowledge the country's genuine goods, we fail to grow in the virtue of patriotism. There are countless stories of those who gave their lives for these ideals. NYC Fire Chaplain Father Mychal Judge gave his life during 9/11 to anoint a first responder. Bl. Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, an organization to support widows, orphans, and those in need. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the Catholic school system and advocated for the advancement of Catholic education at a time when Catholics were discriminated against. These individuals, and more, have exemplified what is so great about our country: the desire to love one another, in a self-sacrificial way, by growing in personal holiness. Our country has given its citizens many opportunities to grow in grace, guided by the ideals of the founding fathers. The ability to attend Mass on Sundays and live in a mostly peaceful society gives citizens the most obvious God-given right, the freedom to worship. Having the ability to use our voices to exercise our right to vote and to protest, something the pro-life movement has used at its core. Loving those around us and our country in a well-ordered way is how we grow in patriotism, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As a nation we have much to celebrate and many things to learn from. We're not perfect, but God is at work in all of us. Let us give thanks for the great things our country has done and with humility recognize the ways in which we've fallen, always seeking to build the Kingdom of God among us. Be outspoken about the issues that impact the most vulnerable. Be peaceful and a voice of sincerity and holiness. Living patriotism in our communities will have a ripple effect, transforming our state and our nation. When well-ordered, the virtue of patriotism isn't separate from our relationship with God; they go hand in hand. We are one nation under God. Always remember that God is with us, especially in uncertain times.

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ASSISTING THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF VENEZUELAN EARTHQUAKE: The tragic and devastating earthquake in Venezuela have left, from latest reports, over 1,700 people dead and more than 5,000 injured as well as 12,000 people who have been displaced and missing people cannot even be confirmed yet. If you would like to contribute to support the Venezuelans, you can donate to CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, (CRS.org) who works directly with *Caritas Venezuela*, as well as well as the *Jesuit Refugee Service*. These are established organizations which have mobilized extensive emergency relief following the devastating earthquakes in the country to provide families with food, shelter, and medical care. The fastest way to make your gift impact those in need- is via the **CRS.org** link on the homepage of www.diospringfield.org. Bishop Byrne urges all in the Catholic Community of Western Massachusetts to prayerfully consider making a donation on-line. Thank-you!

BETHLEHEM HOUSE: Bethlehem House in Easthampton is looking for dedicated volunteers to assist their ministry and outreach to young families. They are also interested in recruiting new volunteer members of their board. Please call 413 262-8517 and make the difference in the lives of young families and their children.



*Have a safe and Happy
4th of July Holiday Weekend
with family and friends. ☺*

PICNIC DONATIONS:

We are looking to obtain some gifts for a raffle table so that we can offset any costs of the parish picnic. Very popular has been the SCRATCH TICKET TREE. If you would like to purchase scratch tickets in any amount, we would be very grateful. Hopefully we get enough to make one or two trees. If you prefer not to purchase them yourself, you may make a monetary gift and we will purchase the tickets for the tree. Please place your gift in an envelope and place it in the collection basket by July 15TH. If you have anything that would be good for a raffle table, please drop it off to the rectory. Thank you so much.

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Previous Hidden Message:

**BEAR THE CROSS
TO FOLLOW GOD.**

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LABOR	WISE
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